

INDIVIDUALITIES.

Lieutenant Diaz, son of the Mexican President, who is spending a few months in Washington, is studying not only the English language but the customs of society and government at the American capital.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is trying by a most methodical mode of life to see how much he can prolong his ripening years. Among other things he never rises in the morning until the temperature of his room is at just the right heat.

Professor E. E. Barnard, the discoverer of Jupiter's fifth satellite, has received the degree of Doctor of Sciences from Vanderbilt University. He was a student in that institution before going to the Lick Observatory, but did not complete his course.

It will be a grief to Cardinal Vaughan that he must forsake his beloved omnibus and descend to the dignity of a private brougham. Yet such is the inexorable decree of the Vatican. No cardinal may go afoot; his rightful chariot is drawn by two horses in the Eternal City.

General Schuyler Hamilton, grandson of the first Secretary of the Treasury, is seventy-three years old. He lives at the Hotel Savoy, New York. He served through three wars, was shot several times, had his lungs pierced with a Mexican lance, and yet he is mentally alert and physically active.

Mascagni, the famous Italian composer, was the lion of Berlin during his recent visit to that capital. German papers say he signed his name for autograph-hunters more than one thousand times. He was invited to the greatest houses in the city, and was presented to the emperor and empress. His majesty conferred the decoration of the Order of the Crown, third class, upon him.

Paul B. du Chailu has gone to the Arkansas Hot Springs in search of rest and recuperation. Between trains at St. Louis he told a reporter that he was weary of civilization, and that although it was very nice (the word is his own) to enjoy the luxuries of a large city, he was more contented in the wilds of Africa. The attraction lies, in his particular case, in the four thousand wives offered to him.

"I understand," said the cashier of a large New York stock exchange house, "that President Cleveland has made not less than half a million since he went out of office in stock alone. His most intimate friend, Mr. E. C. Benedict, is known to have made two or three millions of dollars out of the Chicago gas trust, and while Mr. Cleveland has not been a speculator, he has profited by inside information."

Mme. Patti is said to choose her servants for Craig-y-nos with an eye to their vocal powers rather than to their domestic attainments. The castle is always full of company, and as operatic performances in the theatre of the castle are of constance occurrence, Mme. Patti must recruit her troupe from the servant's hall. She pays them very large wages, and treats them as companions. The little opera-house costs her about fifty thousand dollars a year.

Since the production of "Falstaff," Verdi has received more than thirteen thousand letters and telegrams of congratulation. Of the first edition of the vocal score of the opera, fully fifteen thousand copies have been sold at a price of four dollars each, and as the composer is to get forty per cent. of the gross receipts, besides an equally large royalty for every performance of the opera, his bank account is likely to have a mushroom growth. The veteran composer passes his summer in farming. In the winter, he turns to musical composition.

A certain Desaugiers, at the time of a popular uprising in Paris, when the people took possession of the Tuileries, hastened to the palace at midnight to see what was going on. At the gate he was stopped by two revolutionists of ominous appearance. "Why do you not wear a cockade, citizen? Where is your cockade?" they asked. A mob gathered about him and demanded, fiercely: "Citizen, where is your cockade?" Desaugiers took off his hat turned it around and around, looked at it on all sides, and then said, in a tone of mild surprise: "Citizens, it is strange, very strange! I must have left it on my nightcap."

Most people are aware (says *Life*) that it is the custom of turf gentlemen to settle their accounts every Monday at Tattersall's. It was on one of these occasions that a backer, by an oversight, paid his bookmaker a betting debt which he had settled already. This put the "bookie" in a mental fix as to what would be the best course for him to take. "Shall I rob my wife and family," he argued with himself, "and return the money; or shall I keep it and go about with a seared conscience?" Unable to decide the point himself, he sought the advice of a brother professional of greater experience. "Paid you twice over, did he?" said the latter. Ask him for it again!"

Threescore years ago (says the *Boston Gazette*), when the elder Quincy represented Massachusetts in the lower House at Washington, he was noted as one of the leaders of the Hartford convention wing of the Federal party, in sympathy with Harrison Gray Otis, John Quincy Adams, Timothy Bigelow, and others. He was a fearless partisan, and on more than one occasion gave mortal offense to both political sides of the House. He particularly drew the fire of John Randolph, of Roanoke. At the close of one of Quincy's caustic speeches, Randolph arose, and, pointing his index finger (a favorite gesture) toward Quincy, said: "The speaker, the gentleman from Massachusetts, soils the very carpet on which he stands."

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